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**PUBLIC NOTICE: SCOPING MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**  
**LOUISIANA COASTAL AREA (LCA), LOUISIANA**  
**CAMINADA HEADLAND AND SHELL ISLAND RESTORATION**  
**FEASIBILITY STUDY**

**Meetings:**

June 14, 2005 – Belle Chasse Auditorium, 8398 Hwy 23, Belle Chasse, LA  
June 16, 2005 – Larose Civic Center, 307 East 5th Street, Larose, LA

**Introduction:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District (Corps), in cooperation with its local sponsor the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (LDNR), will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to analyze the beneficial and adverse impacts of implementing barrier shoreline restoration in Lafourche, Plaquemines and portions of Jefferson Parishes, Louisiana. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the Corps and its local sponsor invite your participation to determine the scope of significant issues related to the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Louisiana Coastal Area (LCA), Louisiana – Caminada Headland and Shell Island Restoration Feasibility Study. The Corps has requested the following to be a cooperating agency for this study: the Minerals Management Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Survey, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

**Proposed Action and Reasonable Alternatives.** This proposed action would involve mining offshore and/or riverine sediment sources to reestablish a sustainable barrier system (e.g. barrier islands, shorelines, and headlands) at Caminada Headland and Shell Island (see map). The proposed action will build upon the alternatives considered under the LCA Barrier Shoreline Restoration Study and the LCA Wetland Creation Study. The proposed action will consider all reasonable alternatives for restoration of the Caminada Headland and Shell Island, including: consideration of offshore, nearshore, riverine, and other borrow sources; varying widths and configurations of barrier shoreline and dune heights; marsh restoration as a platform for barrier shoreline rollover; as well as other recommendations from the public and interested parties. The Caminada Headland and Shell Island reaches are critical components of the Barataria Barrier System. The Caminada Headland protects one of the highest concentrations of near-gulf oil and gas infrastructure in the coastal zone. This reach of the Barataria shoreline also

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**Request for Scoping Comments.** The Corps invites scoping input concerning the following scoping focus questions: Question #1: What are the critical natural and human environmental problems and needs that should be addressed in the DEIS? For example, critical natural and human ecological needs may include: barrier shoreline sustainability, navigation, barrier shoreline habitat restoration, hurricane and flood protection, protection of human infrastructure, and others. Question #2: What are the significant resources that should be considered in the DEIS? For example, significant resources may include: barrier shorelines, offshore sand resources, water quality, threatened and endangered species, and others. Question #3: What are the reasonable restoration alternatives that should be considered in the DEIS? For example, consider alternative borrow sites from inland reaches of the Mississippi River and outside the system, rock the entire shoreline, use hardened structures such as break waters, re-establish the barrier shoreline further inland, emphasize marsh creation as major component of barrier shoreline restoration, and others. Interested parties are encouraged to provide their input and recommendations for all significant issues of the study. Scoping comments will be compiled, analyzed, and utilized in the plan formulation process. A Scoping Report, summarizing the comments, will be made available to all scoping participants and published on the Louisiana Coastal Area website (<http://www.LCA.gov>). Scoping comments will be accepted throughout the scoping comment period.

**Address Scoping Comments on the Draft Programmatic EIS to:** Scoping comments regarding the draft EIS for the LCA Caminada Headland and Shell Island Restoration Feasibility Study may be provided orally or in writing at the scoping meetings; sent via the worldwide web at [www.LCA.gov](http://www.LCA.gov); sent via email to [LCACSI@mvn02.usace.army.mil](mailto:LCACSI@mvn02.usace.army.mil); or sent via letter postmarked not later than the close of the scoping comment period to Dr. William P. Klein, Jr., CEMVN-PM-RS, P.O. Box 60267, New Orleans, LA 70160-0267. Comments will not be accepted if submitted by facsimile (fax). Letters of comment on the

**Meeting Format:**  
6:00 - 6:30 pm: Open House (general information).

**Additional Information:** Requests for additional information may be made to Dr. William P. Klein, Jr., at 504-862-2540.

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